



Rick Staly, Sheriff
FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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NEWS RELEASE

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FCSO Helps Recovery Efforts in Panhandle

On Wednesday, October 17th, Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly, Domestic Homeland Security Director Randall Stroud, Community Outreach Sergeant Mike Lutz and Community Outreach Coordinator Anna Hackett visited the Panhandle of Florida to support the FCSO deputies who were deployed last Sunday to assist in the recovery efforts and offer further assistance.



From left: Sergeant Chris Ragazzo, Deputy Robin Towns, Undercover Deputy, Deputy Steve Williams, Deputy Brad Stogdon, Corporal Shane Meehan, Deputy Bryan Jackson, Commander Jason Neat, Bunnell Police Corporal Matthew Mortimer, Sheriff Rick Staly. Front: Sergeant Jon Dopp

While visiting, Sheriff Rick Staly met with Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison and spoke with Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford over the phone. Sheriff Staly saw first-hand the good work our deputies are doing including nightly patrols to protect businesses and homeowners from looters and enforcing curfews in the Callaway community of Bay County. Sheriff Staly also met with other agencies who have deployed to support the panhandle after Hurricane Michael devastated the area.

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(From top left) Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison and FCSO team; Volusia Sheriff Chief Deputy John Creamer speaks with Sheriff Staly in Mexico Beach; Sheriff Staly briefing FCSO deputies before going on patrol at 6pm; FCSO deputies eating dinner before deployment at the forward EOC; FCSO deputy on patrol in Calloway checking for looters; Sheriff Staly took FCSO deputies to lunch in Panama City Beach to thank them for assisting before getting ready for night patrol.

“Assisting in this recovery effort has been an educational experience for our team and has allowed our deputies to utilize the skills they train for year-round,” Sheriff Staly said. “We are happy to help our Florida Panhandle neighbors while they work to recover from this catastrophic storm.”

The FCSO is a participant in the Florida Sheriffs Association Mutual Aid Agreement, which provides a system for Florida Sheriffs to work together during emergency operations. The FCSO Emergency Response Team will return to Flagler County late on Friday, October 19. Additional deployments may occur. FCSO will seek reimbursement for costs associated with this deployment from FEMA.

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